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Subj: COMMANDING OFFICER'S SAFETY POLICY

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(b) MCO 5100.29B

1. The Mission of VMA-542 is inherently dangerous. We are tasked to maintain, fly, and fix complex machines and systems to their peak performance; we must be able to do this safely by taking care of our Marines and our aircraft.
2. The focus of Risk Management (RM) is to identify and mitigate risk in all activities, both on and off duty. Additionally, RM extends to risks associated with human factors in the workplace, behavioral healthcare, and behavioral lifestyles that can affect readiness. Successful implementation of RM increases mission effectiveness.
3. The intent behind RM is simple: think about what you are doing before you do it. Take care of the Marines around you and realize that no task accomplishment is worth injuring a Marine or damaging an aircraft. If something doesn't look right, speak up and take action. We will incorporate a safety mindset into every aspect of maintenance and operations. An unsafe plan is, by definition, not tactically sound.


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